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Dear Joshua,

Thank you very much for your cordial letter of November 16th in which you suggest Edward L. Ginzton for consideration as Director of the National Science Foundation in succession to Alan Waterman.

The National Academy of Sciences has not, up to now, been asked to make suggestions regarding a new Director. He will be appointed by the President of the United States, but the National Science Board has appointed a committee of its members to make recommendations to the President regarding individuals who should be given serious consideration. Accordingly, I will place Dr. Ginzton's name before this committee.

I am sorry that you found it necessary to decline appointment to the National Science Board some time ago for I should have warmly welcomed your wise counsel and judgment. But I can understand the considerations that led to your decision.

It was good to see you at the meeting of the National Science Board two weeks ago.

With cordial best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

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